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Bill[dunbar.bill@epa.gov] From: Shaw, Hanh

Sent: Wed 1/7/2015 8:50:55 PM Subject: FW: Progress on Geotech

I informed Greg Horner (Shell) this morning that we are on track to issue the Geotechnical GP by the end of January. Recall that Shell has and continue to express concerns regarding the seasonal restrictions contained in the GP: (1) no discharge to the 3-25 mile Chukchi lease deferral area prior to July 1; and (2) no discharge of drilling fluids and drill cuttings during bowhead whale hunting activities. I would not be surprised if you receive a call from Shell inquiring about these provisions over the next few weeks.

I have also scheduled a meeting with DEC next week to discuss the status of the State's Geotech GP. I believe the State also plans to issue their final permit by the end of this month. Concerns remain on the part of industry about the differences in the federal and state permits and the operational complications that would pose as they move between the different waters. This topic is on the agenda to discuss with DEC.

Please note Greg's confirmation that Shell plans to submit NOIs by the middle of this month for the Chukchi exploration drill sites.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Hanh

**From:** Greg.Horner@shell.com [mailto:Greg.Horner@shell.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 9:03 AM

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Subject: Progress on Geotech

Happy New Year Hanh! – I have been asked about the progress on geotech GP. Is there any update since we last saw you 5 Dec when the end of January was projected?

Thanks much. We're progressing toward the mid-Jan submission of NOIs under the EGP.

## Thanks

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